(c) whether this project can be expedited more speedily than the estimate made in the Budget?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Haridaspur-Paradeep New Line project has been sanctioned. The work is being executed by Haridaspur-Paradeep Railway Company Limited (HPRCL), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) created by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). Shareholder Agreement signed on 11.10.06. The work on long lead item of Mahanadi and Luna bridge has already been taken up. Further, earthwork, bridgeworks and building works on entire project length is being taken up. The project is targeted for completion by 2009-10.

Bogus caste certificates

2746. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the total number of SC/ST bogus caste certificate cases in various Departments of his Ministry as on 31st March, 2007;

(b) in how many cases, his Ministry has started departmental proceedings against the concerned employees from the above numbers;

(c) in how many cases, the matter is pending before various courts; and

(d) what are the action plan by his Ministry to finalise all the above cases and to fill up the vacancies by appropriate candidates belonging to SC and ST?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Proposal to connect AC coach in passenger train

†2747. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to connect an AC coach in 285/286 fast passenger train running from Indore to Chhindwara is under consideration;

(b) if so, by when the said AC coach would be connected and what classes of coaches are proposed to be connected in this train; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) Provision of an AC coach in 285/286 Indore-Chhindwara passenger train is technically not feasible at present. However, a First class coach will be attached in the train *w.e.f.* 15.09.2007.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.